Regulations for nursing homes

*308. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a long felt need to regulate functioning of nursing homes in private sector:

(b) whether Government propose to bring a model law to regulate their functioning;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) health being a State subject, it is primarily the responsibility of State Governments to regulate the functioning of private and public hospitals as well as nursing homes. Some of the States like NCT of Delhi, Sikkim, Assam, Madhya Pradesh etc. have necessary legislation in this regard. The Central Government is considering to enact a legislation prescribing standards and specifications that will stipulate minimum standards for hospitals, nursing homes and other clinical establishments. The proposed enactment would lay down norms for assessment, accreditation, inspection, certification, regulation of such clinical establishments as well as maintenance of records.

Non-tariff barriers

*309. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI VAYALAR RAVI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether over $ 300 million Indian spice export industry is facing a fresh non-tariff barrier with the European Union attaching new phyto-sanitary conditions for the import of chilli and chilli products by its member countries;

(b) if so, whether the European Union's latest directive has hit the export of chilli and chilli products from India;